

California School-Based MAA Manual

SECTION 10

Determining the Medi-Cal Percentage

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Definition of the Medi-Cal Percentage

The Medi-Cal percentage is the fraction of a total population that consists of Medi-Cal beneficiaries, as identified on the DHCS tape match. The numerator is the number of students that are Medi-Cal beneficiaries, and the denominator is the total number of students.

The only approved methodology is the actual client count (as determined by the DHCS tape match). This methodology is described below. The Medi-Cal percentage must be calculated twice per year, once in the 1st or 2nd quarters and once in the 3rd or 4th quarters; this percentage must be reflected in the invoices for those quarters.

Actual Client Count/DHCS Tape Match

The actual client count (as determined by the DHCS tape match) is determined by dividing the total number of Medi-Cal beneficiaries by the total number of all individuals served by the claiming unit. The total number of all individuals served by the claiming unit is defined in the operational plan as the target population. The Medi-Cal percentage is the fraction of a claiming unit's target population that consists of Medi-Cal beneficiaries. To use this methodology, the claiming unit must define the population "served" and identify the Medi-Cal eligibility status of each person.

Overview of the Approved Methodology

The portion of costs that can be claimed as allowable for some MAA is based on the Medi-Cal percentage. Costs are reduced or "discounted" by the Medi-Cal percentage when the activity benefits or involves both Medi-Cal and non-Medi-Cal populations. The Medi-Cal percentage must be calculated twice per year, once in the 1st or 2nd quarters and once in the 3rd or 4th quarters; this percentage must be reflected in the invoices for those quarters.

The following MAA codes require discounting by the Medi-Cal percentage:

- CODE 8 Ongoing Referral, Coordination, and Monitoring of Medi-Cal Covered Services
- CODE 10 Transportation-Related Activities in Support of Medi-Cal Covered Services
- CODE 12 Translation-Related to Medi-Cal Covered Services
- CODE 14 Program Planning and Policy Development, and Interagency Coordination (PPPD&IC) Related to Medi-Cal Services

$$\text{Medicaid Costs} = \left[\frac{\text{Total Number of MediCal Students}}{\text{Total Number of Students}} \right] \times \text{Costs to be Allocated}$$
